

**Poultney Board of Selectmen
Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015 - 6:30 P.M
Poultney Town Hall**

Agenda

- 1) Adoption of the Agenda
- 2) Approval of Minutes: 12/22/14
- 3) Public Comments and Concerns:
- 4) Road Report
- 5) Town Manager's Report
 - Letters & Communications
 - Budget FY 2015
 - Budget FY 2016
 - Emergency Management Planning - Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 7) Transact Any Other Lawful Business:
- 8) Board Orders
- 9) Adjourn

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Chairman Ed Lewis called the meeting to order. Selectmen present included: Jeff King, Frank Fressie and Tom Beatty. Others present included: Jonas Rosenthal, Town Manager; Neal Vreeland Town Attorney; Richard Balt, Josephine Williams, Michael Puglisi, Marcie Van Buren, Julianne McCarthy, Terry Williams, Shirley Scott, Dave Nichols, and Gayle Blythe.

Adoption of the Agenda: Jeff King made a motion to adopt the agenda as printed. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment and Concerns: Josephine Williams, Julianne McCarthy and Michael Puglisi passed out copies of a letter opposing the proposed solar farm to be located behind East Main Street off of WindyWood Acres Road Extension. Many spoke in opposition to the fact that property owners have little input into the project and how it may affect their property values and aesthetics of the area. Several audience members mentioned that they did not want to see the solar panels out their back yard. Opponents of the project requested the Board to write a letter to the Public Service Board expressing its opposition to the project. Rosenthal mentioned that the Planning Commission met the week before to discuss legislative changes required to the Town Plan as it relates to the Downtown Designation and the issue of changes to the Town Plan as it relates to renewable energy. The Commission discussed the proposed solar project and expressed the opinion that the project is considered to be a commercial use in a Village Residential, Agricultural 1 Acre Zoning District, Flood Zone and the Future Utility District and did not believe that the project should be located in those districts because it did not. The Board agreed to have the Town Attorney send a letter to Public Service Board stating that the proposed project does not meet the elements of land use in the Town Plan. Rosenthal mentioned that he inquired and requested an analysis of the financial benefits for the Town and Village for the solar project. Rosenthal referred to the company's analysis and its estimated annual benefits of around \$ 2,600 per year.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff King made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 12/22/14. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Road Report:

- 1) The roads are being plowed, graded and sanded as needed. Many of the storms have had considerable amounts of ice.
- 2) The Agency of Transportation's Annual Highway Mileage Certificate was presented. Jeff King made a motion to approve and sign the Certificate. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Town Manager's Report:

- 1) Copies of the Expenditure December Expenditure Reports dated January 3, 2015 for the General Government, the Highway Department and the Fire Department were distributed.

- 2) Copies of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 budgets for the General Government, Highway Department and Fire Department were distributed, reviewed and discussed. No action taken. More information will follow next week. The Board agreed to hold a special Board meeting Monday, January 19th at 6:30 PM to review additional budget information and meet with Rutland County Sheriff Stephen Benard to discuss contract services.
- 5) A Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 10th.
- 6) Corey Davenport, Rosenthal and Mark Angus from the E-9-1- Board met to discuss implementing new 9-1-1 numbering on the Westlake Rd. New numbers were established and mailed to all of the affected residents and the related agencies that receive calls and dispatch centers. Corey did an outstanding job for this project.
- 7) Ron Kelley provided Rosenthal all of the necessary information to a FEMA representative for the severe winter storm event that began on December 9th through December 12th. The information was due on December 18th. The estimated cost of \$ 4,800 was provided for the portion of the storm that would be eligible for FEMA assistance if the storm event was declared a Disaster. Sanding, salting, and plowing are not eligible costs for assistance. Tree and brush removal is an eligible activity. The amount provided does not cover an estimated 2 additional weeks of work needed to complete brush cutting and debris removal.
- 8) Rosenthal provided copies of an application for Federal assistance (Form SF-424) for the Library building expansion and renovation project in addition to a resolution from the Board authorizing Town Manager Jonas Rosenthal to sign the Form and act as an agent for the project. Discussion followed. Frank Fressie made a motion to sign the Resolution and Form SF 424). Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9) Again, new draft ordinances pertaining to Noise in the Nighttime, Disorderly Conduct and Objectionable Noise were not discussed due to the lateness of the meeting.

Transact Any and Other Lawful Business: None at this time.

Board Orders: Tom Beatty made a motion to approve and sign the Board Orders. Frank Fressie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Frank Fressie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom Beatty seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

s/Jonas Rosenthal